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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/850,679; Filed: May 2, 1997
For: Preparation of Extended Shelf-Life Biodegradable,
Biocompatible Microparticles Containing A
Biologically Active Agent
Inventors: Michael E. Rickey *et al.*
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Letter to the Draftsman: Resubmission of Figure 3;
2. One (1) Sheet of formal drawing (Figure 3); and
3. Return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Letter to PTO Draftsman:
Resubmission of Figure 3**

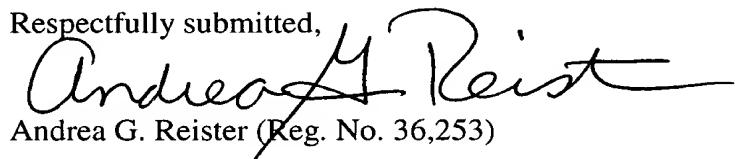
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is one (1) sheet of formal drawings for Figure 3. The enclosed Figure 3 correctly shows all diamond-shaped markers filled in on the middle line of the graph. The formal drawing for Figure 3 filed on April 21, 1998 inadvertently showed one of the markers not filled in. Please use the enclosed Figure 3 for printing of the patent. The application number, group art unit, Batch No., and attorney docket number appear on the back of the enclosed sheet. Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of this formal drawing into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

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